

**ADDENDUM TO**  
**2019**  
**OFFICIAL JOURNAL**  
**and**  
**LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**  
**of the**  
**VETOED MESSAGES OF HOUSE BILLS**

**FORTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION**  
**OF THE LEGISLATURE**  
**UNDER THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF 1974**

**BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF**  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**  
**April 8, 2019 thru June 6, 2019**

The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Forty-fifth Regular Session of the Legislature under the adoption of the Constitution of 1974 contains the veto messages that were received upon the legislative session sine' die adjournment of June 6, 2019.

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**BY AUTHORITY**

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**TAYLOR F. BARRAS**  
**SPEAKER**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**ALFRED W. SPEER**  
**CLERK**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

## Messages from the Governor

The following veto messages from the Governor was received and read:

### STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

June 19, 2019

Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 117 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 117 of the 2019 Regular Session.

I have vetoed this bill, which would have allowed for golf carts to cross state highways in the town limits of Church Point, Louisiana, for several reasons. First, there are significant problems for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Louisiana State Police (LSP), and local law enforcement with legislation that creates exceptions for traffic use on state highways that vary wildly in different cities and towns across Louisiana. There has been no reason provided why the Town of Church Point should have different regulations for state highway use than other municipalities throughout the state. Secondly, there are significant safety concerns with golf cart use on state highways that are not addressed in this bill. Golf carts are not classified as motor vehicles under federal law and are not regulated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Most do not have seatbelts or many other of the safety features that are expected for vehicles that travel on state highways. Simply put, use of golf carts (or other off-road vehicles) on state highways should be considered after a more thoughtful and careful analysis of the best way to maintain safety on our highways.

I have instructed that the DOTD conduct a study, including best practices from other states, to determine if there should be a statewide structure put in place to allow limited use of golf carts and other vehicles on state highways. This analysis will allow for the DOTD and the legislature to determine if any changes are appropriate for these vehicles to have access to state highways.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor

### STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

June 19, 2019

Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
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Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
Louisiana Senate President  
Louisiana Senate  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Line item veto of House Bill 392 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras and President Alario:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed House Bill 392 of the 2019 Regular Session. However, I have exercised my line item veto authority granted to me to veto three items. I have exercised my line item veto authority as follows:

Veto No. 1: Delete Page 31 of 31, lines 2-5: Authorizes \$4,270,000 for Airport Access Road, Planning and Construction (Iberia).

Veto No. 2: Delete Page 31 of 31, lines 6-10: Authorizes \$1,400,000 for Rehabilitation of Hangar #88 and Associated Parking Lot, Planning and Construction (Iberia).

Veto No. 3: Delete Page 31 of 31, lines 11-15: Authorizes \$300,000 for Progress Point Business Park and Airport Gateway, Land Acquisition, Planning and Construction (Iberia).

After communication with the legislative staff, it is my understanding that these projects were included in House Bill 392 in error, as they are duplicative of projects that are also in House Bill 2. Further, because of these projects, the enrolled version of House Bill 392 appropriates more revenue than is available in the current year. Therefore, pursuant to Louisiana Constitution Art. 4, sec. 5(G)(2), to bring the appropriations contained in House Bill 392 into balance, I have vetoed the three capital outlay projects listed above.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed version of House Bill 392. I have sent the original to the Secretary of State

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor

### STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

June 24, 2019

Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 459 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 459 of the 2019 Regular Session.

I am supportive of this legislation, and I firmly believe that the will of the voters of Louisiana who overwhelmingly approved of fantasy sports contests in the November 2018 election should be respected. Unfortunately, I am required to veto this bill because it will not become effective even if I were to sign it. House Bill 459 was expressly tied to the passage of House Bill 600, which did not finally pass.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor

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### STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

June 24, 2019

Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 497 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 497 of the 2019 Regular Session.

House Bill 497 would have required approval by majority vote of both the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, not only interjecting political decision making into the affairs of non-governmental entities, but also violating Art. II, Sec. 2 of the Louisiana Constitution, which provides for a separation of powers between the branches of state government. Furthermore, each entity that receives capital outlay funding signs a cooperative endeavor agreement that already provides for sufficient protections for protecting taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor

### STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

June 29, 2019

Honorable Taylor F. Barras  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
Louisiana Senate President  
Louisiana Senate  
Post Office Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Line item veto of House Bill 2 of the 2019 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras and President Alario:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed House Bill 2 of the 2019 Regular Session. However, I have exercised my line item veto authority granted to me to veto six items.

The capital outlay budget I submitted to the legislature recommended \$679 million in Priority 1 general obligation bond appropriations and an additional \$128 million in Priority 2, allowing for \$30 million in remaining general obligation bond capacity for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. This recommendation was the result of a multiyear effort made by both my administration and the legislature

to rein in a capital outlay budget that was bloated by years of overspending. Practically, my budget recommendation would have allowed for every project with a Priority 1 or Priority 2 appropriation to receive funding in the upcoming fiscal year.

However, as finally passed by the legislature, House Bill 2 contains \$767 million in Priority 1 general obligation bond appropriations and an additional \$305 million in Priority 2, totaling more than \$235 million above the general obligation bond capacity for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The bill now contains \$1.3 billion in Priority 5 appropriations, or a 30% increase above the budget I submitted. Not only does the capital outlay budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 contain appropriations that are not possible for the upcoming year, it also increases possible spending in out years by more than 30%. Further, this will create significant challenges in this year and in following years to generate the capacity necessary to fund the infrastructure projects needed in this state.

I have exercised my line item veto authority as follows:

- Veto No. 1: Delete Page 30 of 134, Lines 18-24: Authorizes \$13,555,000 for Science Building Renovations at LSU Eunice (Acadia).
- Veto No. 2: Delete Page 30 of 134, Lines 30-34: Authorizes \$500,000 for Acadian Center Kitchen Repairs at LSU Eunice (Acadia).
- Veto No. 3: Delete Page 35 of 134, Lines 15-22: Authorizes \$520,000 for Outdoor Lighting for Multipurpose Venue, Community College Baseball, Softball, Student, and Community Events at Bossier Community College (Bossier).
- Veto No. 4: Delete Page 41 of 134, Lines 37-42: Authorizes \$520,000 for Infrastructure Improvements for Acadia Parish Public Works Complex, Planning and Construction (Acadia).
- Veto No. 5: Delete Page 43 of 134, Lines 31-35: Authorizes \$250,000 for South Bossier Park, Construction of New Pavilions, Planning and Construction (Bossier).
- Veto No. 6: Delete Page 50 of 134, Lines 1-8: Authorizes \$3,150,000 for Bucktown Harbor Multi-Purpose Pavilion, Planning and Construction (Jefferson).

Enclosed is a copy of the signed version of House Bill 2. I have sent the original to the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
Governor